

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Food Bank of Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 92-0073175****Project Title:**

Food Bank of Alaska - Latino Lions Club Food Distribution

State Funding Requested: \$ 5,000**House District: 20 - J**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

These funds will enable the club to access food for distribution to the needy for 18 cents a pound at the Food Bank of Alaska Warehouse.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$5,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Partnering with the Food Bank of Alaska, the Latino Lions Club serves an average of 1500 people monthly at their Mt. View clubhouse, well over half the food distributed in Senate District J. The Club is able to access food for 18¢ a pound at Food Bank of Alaska warehouse. Assistance with these handling fees would allow them to use more of their scarce resources to feed people.

Project Timeline:

FY2009 Funds to be expended during the duration of the grant

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Food Bank of Alaska

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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February 2, 2008

Senator Bill Wielechowski
Alaska Legislature
State Capitol, Room 115
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: \$5,000 generous 2007 appropriation to the Latino Lions Club for Food Bank of Alaska

Dear Senator Wielechowski:

This is a very belated thank you for your generous help with our Latino Lions Club Monthly Family Food Distribution in Mountain View. Last fall we were delighted to discover that through the Food Bank of Alaska you had appropriated \$5,000 for our Club to purchase food and staples for us to distribute to our 150 families in the Mountain View community. For us, \$5,000 means the opportunity to provide a more balanced diet to our clients.

Senator, please accept our sincere apologies for this belated letter. The timing of it in no way represents our taking your gift for granted, it is more of the reflection of our Latino Lions Club small membership of 15 full-time teachers, public employees, cooks, and shop owners, whose hours are dedicated to the services offered by our Club, or to assisting other Lions Clubs with the services they offer.

In 1986 we purchased our building at 4233 Mountain View Drive—Hispanic Cultural Center—and from this location since 1999, we have been distributing food to low-income families; providing meeting space for twice-a-day, 365-days a year AA recovery support groups; providing rehearsal and presentation space for ethnic cultural groups; holding special eyesight screening events and Christmas parties for the children in the neighborhood. This building and this community are our home. We want to remain here and are even in the midst of a capital campaign to renovate our aging building, so that we may continue our services, and add workshops on financial literacy, self-sufficiency through self-employment, and a culinary arts certificate programs.

We are grateful for your assistance with our food distribution program. Your support encourages us to carry on.

Thank you and our very best wishes for joy and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Abbott".

Jennifer Abbott
Member